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1. GERMANY: Relations between East and West Governments-- US High Commissioner McCloy expresses the belief that western occupation powers may soon be forced to make a definite decision regarding the extent of de facto relations to be maintained with the East German Government. McCloy is especially concerned over the problems of railway administration in Berlin and communications between Berlin and West Germany and suggests, as the most acceptable procedure, that relations on operational problems be conducted through German channels. In commenting upon the value of such an arrangement, McCloy points out that the establishment of a West German Railway Administration in Berlin would strengthen Berlin's ties with Western Germany and confront Soviet occupation authorities with the same "recognition problem" which the western powers face in connection with the East German Government. McCloy adds that a pattern may thus be evolved from the resulting Berlin relations to cover all de facto relations between East and West Germany.

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